

Skills You Need to Succeed

Grade Level	Eighth
Minimum Time Required	40 Minutes
Materials/Resources	"Skills You Need To Succeed" activity sheet
Subject Area(s)	Guidance

Project Description:

1. Discuss with the students that although the world is changing every day, there are some basic skills and information people must have if they're going to lead independent adult lives and thrive in the world of work. Those skills include communications skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening), computation skills (mathematics), problem-solving skills and interpersonal relations skills.
2. Give each student the activity sheet to complete. Allow ten to fifteen minutes for completion. Lead a class discussion on skills the students have and ones that need to be developed. Discuss ways to develop the skills.
3. Have students turn in the sheets and look for areas where you can develop other class activities.
4. Ask students to brainstorm skills they think they may need in 10 years and 25 years.

Career Development Standard	Knowledge of the benefits of education achievement to career opportunities.
Career Development Indicator	Describe the skills needed to adjust to changing occupational requirements.
Delivery Level	Introductory
Academic Standards	
Language Arts	4.1.b Present oral information in a logical and coherent manner. 4.2.c Use recognized conventions/mechanics of language in personal communication.
Employability/SCANS Skills	Basic Skills Interpersonal Skills Thinking Skills
Assessment/Rubric	Students will be evaluated on completed worksheet and class participation.

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Consumer Economics

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Interpret data from graphs and compute averages.

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Estimate and do mental arithmetic.

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Use weights, measures, measurement scales and money.

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Understand methods and procedures to obtain housing and services.

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Use banking and financial services in the community.

Community Resources

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Understand how to locate and use different types of transportation and interpret related travel information.

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Use services provided by the Post Office.

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Use published or broadcast information.

Health and Home

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Understand common ailments and seek appropriate medical attention.

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Understand medical and dental forms and related information.

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Understand basic health and safety procedures.

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Perform self-care skills and home-care skills.

Occupational Knowledge



Understand basic principles of getting a job.



Understand wages, benefits and concepts of employee organizations.



Understand materials and concepts related to job training, employment, keeping a job and getting a promotion.

Technology Skills



Understand the computers as an information, computation and communication device.



Use the computer in the study of the other basics and for personal and work-related purposes.



Understand the world of computers, electronics and related technologies.

Government and Law



Understand voting and the political process.



Understand historical information.



Understand the concepts of taxation.